



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

2016-17 Year of Families with Children

Not long ago a group of leaders in the church put their heads together and set a goal of reaching out to more young families in our community. We want everything we do next school year to have that as a focus. You might be wondering why I am writing about this now when we are barely into June. Three exciting things have happened recently helping to make this goal a reality.

First Don Adkins and Linda Walker have been working tirelessly on the two Sunday school rooms. To be honest, the rooms were in need of much updating. We joked the rooms needed renovating to get to the 21 century. So Don and Linda addressed some ongoing issues and took down some old bulletin boards and chalk boards. Taking a cue from Genesis they said "Let there be light" and brightened the rooms with new LED fixtures. They cleaned the carpets, and then started painting the rooms a soft tan, with one darker wall, and white trim. I love the accent cocoa color in the little alcove. Both will have flat screen TVs mounted on the wall and the one room will have seating for adults and youth. The funding for this work was provided by a generous donation from one of our church members who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you to this member and to Don and Linda. Also thanks to the Enrichment committee for cleaning out some of the closets.

Secondly, seeking to add visual displays to our worship experience, we have installed three flat screen TVs: two up front and one in the back. The Presbytery provided a grant for half of the expense and our Mission fund covered the rest. Our hope is that these video displays will enrich our worship

time and offer a wider worship experience, one more attractive to younger Christians. These will offer us new ways to share information and inspiration, while retaining our worship integrity.

The final amazing thing moving us towards that goal is hiring Rachael Cash to be our Youth Coordinator. (See her introduction later in the newsletter.) Rachael and Ryan have rejoined the church after a time away in Southern California. With their beautiful children Maya, Jack and Zoey, they all bring a breath of energy into our ministry. Rachael will help with Sunday school teachers and with planning periodic events for our families and kids. Rachael is getting her early childhood education degree. Please give Rachael a warm hello as she starts this new part-time ministry.

Blessings to you and yours this summer season!!

Anne

SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
August 28, 2016



HEART LINE

Please pray for these members and friends.



Helen Cooke	Clare Pelich
Shirley Coleman	Nez Phister
Paul Fuelling	Lyle Silldorff
Lois Holcomb	Judy Smith

David Beach (*former member*)
Pam Derry (*Mary Zimmer's friend*)
Steve Glaum (*Dorothy's son*)
Tim Dietrich (*Marsha Gonzales' son*)
Jan Hunter (*Peg Ogg's daughter*)
Andrea (*Dee St. Clair's daughter*)
Flynn and family (*Dee Hamill's grandson*)

Prayer for the World



(Each month we will be offering a prayer from the Mission Yearbook. These prayers address current concerns for our world.)

Dear God: Thank you for giving us opportunities to serve, to be your hands and feet and to share our time, talents and treasures with our neighbors in need. Amen

SANTA CRUZ AL SALVADOR WINE-TASTING

At least seven members from St. Andrew attended the Santa Cruz al Salvador wine-tasting event at Bargetto's on May 15. It was a festive time which included a drawing for three themed baskets; garden, grandmother/teacher and wine. Thank you to all who attended or contributed to SCaS.



ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Mahan



Hubler Hall

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sunday.

For the month of June Adult Education will continue studying and discussing the history of Christianity in America. We will be looking at churches founded here such as the Mormons, Christian Science, Adventism and Unitarianism. We will also consider the growth of conservative fundamental groups and, on the other end, the growth of New Age Christian variations and cults of all kinds.

In July and August there will be no Adult Education. Adult Education will recommence in September. In the meanwhile, please think about topics you would like Adult Education to study and forward your ideas to Susan Mahan or Pastor Anne McAnelly. We would love to know.

Join us in June for interesting ideas, fellowship and a cup of hot tea. For more information, contact Susan Mahan at stmahan181@gmail.com or 831-320-6422.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Who is Jesus? A question we delve into frequently and yet never fully answer. You are invited on a journey to expand your understanding of who Jesus was and is; a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together. Our monthly Bible study for next year will explore Jesus through several different lenses as we seek to know our Lord more deeply. We will look at Jesus from each gospel perspective, according to Paul, Hebrews, non-canonical gospels, and other faith traditions. Join us for this fascinating look at who Jesus is.

We will meet on the 4th Monday of the month, at 1 p.m. starting in September and going through May 2017. An additional evening class might form if we have enough people sign-up. Please contact the office now to order your study guide. The cost is \$10. Looking forward to sharing this journey with you!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sally Griffin and Marian Langdon

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

Nepal Earthquake Recovery

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal on April 25, 2015 is considered the worst in more than eighty years, killing more than 8,000 people. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was quick to respond, however some villages were unreachable and ground transportation was hampered by debris, helicopters were few and hospitals were near the breaking point. Powerful aftershocks continued. PDA continues to work with support partners in the area to ensure a sustained comprehensive recovery.



Registration is open for our 8th annual summer camp. Spread the word! Camp will be **July 18-22** from 9:30 to 12:30 with a concert during worship on July 24.

From director Kathryn Adkins: *For one week students entering grades 1-6 may expand their imagination of musical possibilities through singing, musical games, playing instruments and learning musical fundamentals in a safe environment among peers with the same passion for music.*

All information and registration is on our website: www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

Please register by June 10.

Manna Ministries at Resurrection Church

Thanks all of you who have been providing travel-size items for the project we have with local homeless individuals at Resurrection Catholic Community each Saturday. We are now well equipped with lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Always needed are men's razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizers and wipes.

Please see a member of the Outreach Committee if you would like to go on a future Saturday with one of the Outreach Committee members already scheduled. The commitment is a short one - just over an hour. Your participation will be most welcome. Please let any member of the committee know if you are interested in joining us.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee: Dee St. Clair, Marian Langdon, Karla Norton, Sally Griffin, Janet Maack, Dee Hamil, Pam Arnsberger, Anne McAnelly, and Gwen Yeo.

Garden, Dinner and Worship - June 7

All are invited to the Homeless Garden Project from 10-2 pm to garden alongside the homeless. Children and families are welcome. The Garden Project has been adopted as a PCUSA Hunger Program Mission. A light Yoga class will be offered following our gardening. Then you can cycle or drive to St. Andrew for a dinner we are hosting for the larger faith community. Dinner will be at 5:30 with a refreshing time of worship to follow. We will have games and the labyrinth walk available. Please come to some or all of these events. Let Pastor Anne know if you would like to carpool, no cycling for her. Please RSVP to the office.

This is a partnership with Sweaty Sheep Ministries and the kickoff for a group cycling up to the General Assembly in Portland this summer



Sunday School News

Hello everyone. My name is Rachael Cash and I am very excited to be your new K-8 Youth Coordinator at Saint Andrew. Our family recently renewed our membership in the church and I am very happy to take on this position and serve our church community and families. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in education; I am currently working on Early Childhood classes at Cabrillo so that I may become a preschool teacher. I have worked with children in many capacities including volunteering in school classrooms, organizing events for a mom's club, and teaching Sunday School. I look forward to organizing a Beach/Pool event for June and to participating in our Music Camp in July. I am excited to plan a range of activities for our kids including service projects, music Sundays, and family events throughout our school year. I welcome your input and prayers as we start this journey.

NURTURE NEWS

Cathy Zimel

Annual Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast on May 21 was well attended. In addition to the photos below, a larger photo appears on the *Inspirations...Reflections* page.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sadie Willoughby
- 4 Abigail Allen
Chuck Whitt
- 7 Julie Allen
Hogun Spaugh
- 9 Art Lindstrom
- 15 Simon Murphy
Adam Spaugh
- 16 Marian Langdon
Judy Zscheile
- 17 Dick Radmanovich
- 20 Ariel Spaugh
- 21 Marsha Gonzales
Ed Manning
- 29 Shannon Griffin McPhedran



Kathy Gleaton, Director

The last field trip of the year was to the Seacliff Visitor's Center which focuses on natural and cultural history. This doesn't sound like a field trip for children 4 years old, let alone 2.6 years, but the preschool has been going to the Visitor's Center since my children went to St. Andrew. I thought there might be a chance we wouldn't be invited back, but the Seacliff Visitor's Center is one of the gems of Aptos; I didn't want this class to miss out on this treat.

Our visit starts in a classroom setting. Here we learn about the Monterey Sanctuary, coastal zones and the animals that live there. We then move on to the interpretive exhibits—including a tide pool tank and an aquarium where the children can observe (not touch) marine life such as starfish and anemones that were rescued from not only the pilings but off of the SS Palo Alto. In an alcove a docent asks the children to look up. Suspended from the ceiling are two hawks holding their prey. Looking around you see more seabirds and birds of prey motionless. The docent has to explain to the children that they did not harm the birds. There is a gift shop conveniently located between the alcove

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dee Hamil
- 6 Matt Spaugh
- 7 Dee St. Clair
- 8 Helen Cooke
- 9 Ralph Griffin
- 12 Alaina Piazza
- 13 Ralph Gonzales
Ryan Manning
- 18 Edie Rittue
- 19 Valerie Spaugh
- 25 Emerson Beech
- 26 KloAnn Curtis
Jerry Stuart
- 27 Shirley Coleman
Stewart Peterson
- 28 Gene Burk
- 29 Molly Murphy
- 30 Olin Ottem

and tide pool tank where I directed the chaperones to "hurry" the children through.

Why am I telling you this? Upon leaving, the park ranger stopped me. She said she was concerned that the program they had planned would not work due to the age spread of the children. She was pleasantly surprised with our knowledge of the bay and its marine life. She saw how respectful the children treated their surroundings and other families that came in. More importantly, she saw the respect the children have for each other. There was one more complement she gave. That was to me. She said, "It is obvious you respect and enjoy the children and they you." She also said she is looking forward to seeing us next year, so make your reservations early!

For almost 50 years the Preschool has proudly represented the name St. Andrew throughout our community.

Enrollment for the fall is limited so if you know families that are thinking of attending the preschool they can reach me at 688-7095 for a tour.

Inspirations, Reflections

The Sunday School Children made Wind Socks on Pentecost.



From the Men's Breakfast - May 21, 2016



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